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SUBJECT: FESITRANH/MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PEDRO SULA

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1. LABOFF HAS BEEN INFORMED OF COMPLETE DETAILS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOH AND FESITRANH WHICH ENDED THE DISPUTE BETWEEN FESITRANH AND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 5-6. THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED THAT THE MUNICIPALITY AND FEDERATION HAD AGREED ON A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT BY WHICH THE UNION LEADERS DISMISSED BY THE CITY WOULD RESUME THEIR POSITIONS BUT WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY RESIGN. THE MEETING WHICH RESULTED IN THE SETTLEMENT WAS MEDIATED BY COL. JOSE BORJAS, VICE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT. AN ADDITIONAL PORTION OF THE AGREEMENT PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED WAS THAT THE THREE DISMISSED LABOR LEADERS WERE TO BE FREE TO RE-ORGANIZE THEIR UNION AND HAVE CONGRESS TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS, SO THAT THE UNION WOULD NOT BE LEFT LEADERLESS UPON THEIR RESIGNATION.

2. TO INDUCE FESITRANH TO ACCEPT THE AGREE-
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MENT WITH THE MUNICIPALITY THERE WAS REPORTEDLY

A SECRET AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLONDP BORJAS AND
FEDERATION PRESIDENT CELEO GONZALES THAOMTHE GOH
WOULD REMOVE THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN
THREE MONTHS OF THE AGREEMENT. WHEN GONZALEZ
COMPLAINED TO SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER
LT. COLONEL FRANCISCO RUIZ THAT RATHER THAN PERMIT
THE DISMISSED OFFICERS TO FUNCTION, THE MUNICIPALITY
HAD TRANSFERRED THEM TO SEPARATE ISOLATED POSITIONS,
HE WAS TOLD THAT THE GOH WOULD MOVE UP THE DATE OF
THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT'S REMOVAL. RUIZ IS THE
FORMER SUBORDINATE OF COL. BORJAS SO HE COULD BE
IN A POSITION TO MAKE SUCH A PROMISE.
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